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1 — EPA proposes adding old Dallas factory to list of contamination cleanup, WFAA, 2/8/18

<http://www.wfaa.com/news/local/dallas-county/epa-adds-old-dallas-factory-to-list-of-contamination-cleanup/516221716>

There is a new focus on cleaning up some hazardous problems simmering around a near-century-old factory recently shut down in Southeast Oak Cliff.

2 — 4 things to know about the budget accord, E&E News, 2/9/18

<https://www.eenews.net/stories/1060073365>

After hours of delay, Congress overnight signed off on a broad, two-year budget deal to raise spending for much of the federal government. Here are four things the energy and environmental community needs to know about the largest budget deal Capitol Hill has passed in several years.

3 — Harvey relief survives as part of legislation reopening federal government, Houston Chronicle, 2/9/18

<https://www.chron.com/news/politics/article/Harvey-relief-survives-as-part-of-legislation-12564568.php>

In an early Friday morning budget vote that divided both parties, a bipartisan group of lawmakers from Houston stuck together – bound by a dire need for federal assistance in the recovery from Hurricane Harvey.

4 — Ed Emmett lays out case to 'flood-proof' freeways following Harvey, Houston Chronicle, 2/8/18

<https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/transportation/article/Ed-Emmett-lays-out-case-to-flood-proof-freeways-12558864.php>

Citing truck flows before and after the Gulf Coast got inundated by the storm, Harris County Judge Ed Emmett -- chairman of the Texas Freight Advisory Commission -- encouraged Texas House Transportation Committee members on Wednesday to empower state transportation officials to “flood-proof” some major routes so freight could keep flowing into, and through, the region.

5 — Key air office gets new chief, E&E News, 2/8/18

<https://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2018/02/08/stories/1060073323>

Peter Tsirigotis, a career U.S. EPA employee who has been closely involved in crafting major power plant emissions regulations, is now director of the agency's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, a spokesman confirmed today.

6 — Local research lab addresses discrepancies in water contamination levels, News West 9, 2/8/18

<http://www.newswest9.com/story/37461468/local-research-lab-addresses-discrepancies-in-water->

[contamination-levels](#)

"In some cases, it's just not economically feasible to get it to that ultra-pure status for the general population, that doesn't mean it's not safe," said Brent Barron, the lab manager of Permian Basin Environmental Lab in Midland, a facility where local water and soil is tested for chemicals.

7 — Bayou Bridge pipeline opponents clear legal hurdle, but bigger decision to come

Friday, Baton Rouge Advocate, 2/8/18

http://www.theadvocate.com/baton_rouge/news/environment/article_c9b04c56-0d28-11e8-a19d-d70e98b53ec0.html

A federal judge has kept a fight alive as environmental groups seek to shut down construction of the Bayou Bridge pipeline. Construction recently began on the pipeline and is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year. The pipeline is designed to carry crude oil between Lake Charles and St. James Parish.

8 — Trump admin touts enforcement data and draws fire, E&E News, 2/8/18

<https://www.eenews.net/eenewspm/2018/02/08/stories/1060073337>

U.S. EPA, its enforcement record under close scrutiny since President Trump took office, today released numbers for last year that a top official touted as evidence of the agency's commitment to ensuring compliance with environmental laws.

9 — Fla., Texas 'highly exposed' to climate risks — Moody's, E&E News, 2/9/18

<https://www.eenews.net/climatewire/2018/02/09/stories/1060073381>

Florida and Texas are "highly exposed" to the effects of climate change but remain financially strong, despite the havoc hurricanes wreaked last year, Moody's Investors Service said.

10 — Final EPA toxic chemical rule proposes \$20 million in annual fees to manufacturers, The Hill, 2/8/18

<https://www.agprofessional.com/article/states-tighten-dicamba-regulations>

The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) fourth and final rulemaking to revamp a chemical safety rule would collect more than \$20 million annually from chemical and petroleum manufacturers and distributors.